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SUBJECT: ROC SUSPENDS RELATIONS WITH NIGER

REF: A) NIAMEY 2430; B) TAIPEI 4683

1. SUMMARY: ROC ANNOUNCED SUSPENSION OF RELATIONS WITH NIGER EFFECTIVE JULY 29. ACCORDING MOFA, ALL ROC PERSONNEL HAVE DEPARTED NIGER, AND ROC DOES NOT INTEND TO ATTEMPT TO ESTABLISH UNOFFICIAL RELATIONS. END SUMMARY.

2. MOFA ISSUED PRESS RELEASE JULY 30 ON NIGER BREAK, AS FOLLOWS: "THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF NIGER ANNOUNCED ITS DECISION TO RECOGNIZE THE CHINESE COMMUNIST REGIME. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA HAS THEREFORE DECIDED TO SUSPEND, ON JULY 29, 1974, ITS DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE REPUBLIC OF NIGER, WITH THE CONSEQUENTIAL CLOSURE OF THE CHINESE EMBASSY AT NIAMEY AND WITHDRAWAL OF ALL THE CHINESE TECHNICAL MISSIONS IN NIGER INCLUDING MEDICAL DOCTORS."

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3. MOFA DEPUTY DIRECTOR AFRICAN AFFAIRS (HUNG CHIEN-HSIUNG) CONFIRMED ALL CHINESE MISSION PERSONNEL HAVE ALREADY DEPARTED NIGER, AND NO ATTEMPT WILL BE MADE TO ESTABLISH UNOFFICIAL RELATIONS. HE SAID MOFA BRIEFLY CONTEMPLATED POSSIBILITY OF LEAVING AGRICULTURAL MISSION IN PLACE AT NIGER REQUEST, BUT CONCLUDED THAT PRC PRESSURE WOULD EVENTUALLY FORCE DEPARTURE.

4. HUNG COMMENTED NIGER'S SWITCH TO PRC PROBABLY PROMPTED BY NEW REGIME'S "DESIRE FOR AID AT ANY PRICE." HE HAD NO INFORMATION ON PEKING "ENTICEMENTS", BUT CREDITED GON FOR NOT HAVING ATTEMPTED TO "BLACKMAIL" ROC INTO INCREASED ASSISTANCE AS PRICE FOR CONTINUING RELATIONS.
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